

## AMENDMENTS

### In the claims:

Please **amend** the following claims:

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1. (Twice Amended) A musical tone generation apparatus incorporating a music synthesizer and operators, comprising:

a readout for reading first function setting information from an extension board, wherein the extension board provides expansion of prescribed elements of musical tones by which sequencer functions are to be executed in connection with the first function setting information;

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an incorporator for setting up the sequencer functions based on the first function setting information in response to manual operations applied to the operators; and

a sender for sending to the extension board second function setting information corresponding to the setup to allow the extension board to execute the sequencer functions.

2. (Twice Amended) A musical tone generation apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the prescribed elements correspond to tone colors of the musical tones, and the musical tones are reproduced with expanded tone colors in accordance with sound patterns respectively by executing the sequencer functions.

3. (Twice Amended) A musical tone generation apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the prescribed elements correspond to tone colors of the musical tones, and the musical tones are sequentially reproduced with expanded tone colors in accordance with arpeggio patterns respectively by executing the sequencer functions.

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5. (Twice Amended) A musical tone generation apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the operators are manipulated in a process for setting the sequencer functions with regard to the expansion of the prescribed elements of the musical tones by the extension board.

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9. (Twice Amended) An extension board installing a first tone generator, comprising:  
an expander for expanding prescribed elements of musical tones being generated by the first tone generator; and  
an executor for executing sequencer functions with regard to expansion of the prescribed elements of the musical tones.

10. (Twice Amended) An extension board according to claim 9 wherein the expander corresponds to a second tone generator, which provides expanded tone colors different from original tone colors pre-installed in the first tone generator, so that the second tone generator generates musical tones with the expanded tone colors by the sequencer functions in accordance with sound patterns respectively.

11. (Twice Amended) An extension board according to claim 9 wherein the expander corresponds to a second tone generator, which provides expanded tone colors different from original tone colors pre-installed in the first tone generator, so that the second tone generator sequentially generates musical tones with the expanded tone colors by the sequencer functions in accordance with arpeggio patterns respectively.

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14. (Twice Amended) An extension board according to claim 9 wherein the expander corresponds to an effector which provides expanded effects applied to musical tones generated by the first tone generator, and the executor executes the sequence functions in such a manner that the musical tones are sequentially generated with the expanded effects at timings that are shifted from original timings for generation of the musical tones.

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21. (Twice Amended) A musical tone generation method comprising the steps of:  
reading first function setting information from an extension board, wherein the extension board provides expansion of prescribed elements of musical tones by which sequencer functions are to be executed in connection with the first function setting information;  
setting up the sequencer functions based on the first function setting information in response to manual operations applied to the operators; and  
sending to the extension board the second function setting information corresponding to the setup to allow the extension board to execute sequencer functions.

22. (Twice Amended) A function expanding method comprising the steps of:  
installing by an extension board a first tone generator;  
expanding prescribed elements of musical tones being generated by the first tone generator; and  
executing sequencer functions with regard to expansion of the prescribed elements of the musical tones.

25. (Twice Amended) A machine-readable media storing programs and data that cause a musical tone generation device installing an extension board to perform a musical tone generation method comprising the steps of:

reading first function setting information from the extension board, wherein the extension board provides expansion of prescribed elements of musical tones by which sequencer functions are to be executed in connection with the first function setting information;

setting up the sequencer functions based on the first function setting information in response to manual operations applied to the operators; and

sending to the extension board the second function setting information corresponding to the setup to allow the extension board to execute sequencer functions.

26. (Twice Amended) A machine-readable media storing programs and data that cause an extension board installing a first tone generator to perform a function expanding method comprising the steps of:

expanding prescribed elements of musical tones being generated by the first tone generator; and

executing sequencer functions with regard to expansion of the prescribed elements of the musical tones.